Deporting of a person with valid visa

1060. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the immigration authorities at the airport can stop a person entering the country and send him back without assigning any reasons once visa issued and a person flies into India, to any international airport;

(b) if so, the reasons for doing so; and

(c) whether this action would spoil the image of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes.

(b) Under Para 3(2) of Foreigners Order, 1948, the Immigration Authority can refuse entry into India to a foreigner if it is satisfied that:

(i) The foreigner does not have a valid passport and he has not been exempted from the possession of such documents.

(ii) He is insane; or

(iii) He is suffering from a loathsome or infectious disease; or

(iv) He has been sentenced abroad for an extraditable offence; or

(v) His entry is prejudicial under an order by a Competent Authority (MHA) i.e. a person whose name appears in any Suspect Index/ Black List;

(vi) He is a destitute;

(vii) A person whose previous history and antecedents give reasonable grounds to apprehend that he/she would after entry into India, be a danger to public security in India; or indulge in undesirable activities.

Para 3(4)(d) of the same Act vests the Immigration Authority with the power to prohibit the entry of any foreigner into India in the inerest of public safety. Such Authority is not bound to show any cause to the foreigner for this action.

(c) Entry into India to a foreigner is refused only when considered necessary in the interest of the country.